THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) A budget grant of Rs. 40 lakh has been sanctioned under sub-head "Grant-in-aid" each during the financial years 1991-92 and 1992-93. The allocation of the Central Funds is not done on "State basis". The administrative and day-to-day working expenses of the State Legal Aid & Advice Board, etc., are being met out of the State Funds provided by the respective State Government. The Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes sanctions grants-in-aid to State Legal Aid & Advice Boards, Universities and Law Colleges and non-political registered Social Action Groups involved in the field of Legal Aid on "Financial Year" basis for Implementation of Strategic Legal Aid Programmes, such as holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats setting up of Legal Aid Clinics in Universities and Law Colleges; promotion of legal Literacy and Training of Para-Legals etc. The grants released and the utilisation of the grant by States/UTs during 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as under:—

Financial year	Grants released	Utilisation certificate issued
1991-92 .	35,19,841	22,84,634.50
1992-93 .	32,57,636	2,79,137.50

Regarding utilisation of grants during 1992-93, it may be stated that the grantee Institutions were required to submit the audited accounts by 30th June, 1993. The accounts from the grantee Institutions are as such, expected to be received shortly. Furthermore, the legal aid programmes received a set back last year on account of widespread disturbances in different parts of the country.

(b) The reasons for non-utilisation of the funds by a State Government may differ depending upon law and order, floods/drought situation and attitude of the professionals, etc.

(c) Various Legal Aid Programmes, such as promotion of Legal Literacy, holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats, and Training of Para-Legals, etc., are being organised to make available Free Legal Aid to Poor Person.

3251. [*Transferred to 24th August, 1993*]

Members of the Central Council of ICWA

3252. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the members of the Central Council of Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India;

(b) where and when the meetings of the Central Council of I.C.W.A. and its office bearers were held during the year 1991 and 1992;

(c) what are the names of the members of the Central Council and the office bearers of the Institute who attended these meetings;

(d) whether any complaint against the office bearers and members of the Council were received and if so, when and what are the details of these complaints; and

(e) whether these complaints have been investigated and if so, by whom and what are the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The details of members of the present Central Council of I.C.W.A.I. are as given in Statement-I. *(See below)*

(b) and (c) The details of the meetings of the Central Council of I.C.W.A.I held during the year 1991 and 1992 and the names of the members of the Central Council and the office bearers of the Institute, who attended these meetings, are as given in Statement-II.

(d) Three complaints were received whose details are as under:—

(i) One complaint was received in December, 1991 in respect of Shri C. Ramaswamy, a Govt. nominee regarding his frequent visits to Madras on the expenses of the Institute to attend the meetings of the Institute alleged to have not been actually held there.

(ii) Another complaint was received in November, 1992 regarding visit of Shri J. K. Puri, a Central Council Member and Shri D. C. Bajaj, a Northern India Regional Council Member of I.C.W.A.I. to U.S.A. at the expenses of the Institute.

(iii) Third complaint was received in June, 1992 regarding maintenance of a separate Bank account by the Northern India Regional Council of I.C.W.A.I.

(e) These complaints have been enquired into by the Institute and the findings are as under:—

(i) Regarding visits to Madras by one Central Council Member at Institute expenses, no irregularities were found. The said Central Council Member was nominated to the Council by the Central Govt. in October, 1990 and from

October, 1990 to December, 1992, the Institute had held 14 Council meetings on different dates at different places. He attended 10 Council meetings during this period which included one at Madras on 23rd August, 1992. Being the member of the Central Council, he was also a member of different committees of the Council and he attended seven meetings at Madras on different dates during this period. These meetings were duly called as per official procedure of the Institute. All the T.A. bills claimed by the said Central Council Member during the aforesaid period have been paid as per the existing rules.

(ii) Regarding the visit of Shri J. K. Puri, Central Council Member and Shri D. C. Bajaj, Member of the Northern India Regional Council of I.C.W.A.I. to U.S.A. during October, 1992 the same was as per the decision of the Council of the Institute. The Institute of Cost and Works Accountants is a Member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and this body holds a World Congress of Accountants after every five years.

The last World Congress i.e. 14th World Congress of Accountants was held in U.S.A. in October, 1992 and alongwith this World Congress of Accountants, there were also meetings of other International Committees namely "Financial Management and Accounting Committee". Shri J. K. Puri and Shri D. C. Bajaj were the Members of the Delegation from the Institute as approved by the Council of the Institute. Their attendance to the said World Congress of Accountants in Washington D.C., U.S.A. was thus official and regular.

(iii) Regarding maintenance of separate Bank Account in the Syndicate Bank, Lodhi Road Branch, New Delhi by the NIRC, the matter has been duly considered by the Council of the Institute and the Council has appointed an Internal Auditor to examine the same and give his report in the matter. Based on the final report of the Internal Auditor the Council at its meeting held on May 22-23, 1993 accepted the recommendations of the Internal Auditor and asked the Northern India Regional Council of the Institute to remit the amount representing the Fixed Deposit. Withdrawals and Interest on Fixed Deposit, payable to Headquarters to the Headquarter's A/c immediately and to take appropriate action on procedural lapses as pointed out by the Internal Auditor of the Institute.

Statement I

Names of Central Council Members of Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India

Elected Members :

1.	Shri B. D. Bose, Calcutta	President
2.	Shri V. R. Iyer, Bombay	Vice-President
3.	Shri P. D. Phadke, Bombay	Member
4.	Shri J. K. Puri, New Delhi	Member
5.	Dr. G. B. Rao, New Delhi	Member
6.	Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Madras.	Member
7.	Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Calcutta.	Member
8.	Shri N. P. Sukumaran, Trivendrum.	Member
9.	Shri K. R. S. Sastry, Visakhapatanam.	Member
10.	Shri V. B. Behede, Pune	Member
11.	Shri Amal Kumar Das, Hazaribagh.	Member
12.	Dr. E. V. Mani, Calcutta.	Member

Central Government Nominees :

1.	Shri R. D. Joshi, New Delhi	Member
2.	Shri C. Ramaswamy, New Delhi.	Member
3.	Shri A. R. Ramanathan, New Delhi	Member
4.	Shri G. Lakshmana Swami, Kurnool.	Member

Statement II

The Names of the Members of the Central Council and the Office Bearers of the Institute Who Attended the Meetings

Date	Place	Members present
18-3-91	Calcutta	Shri Sankar Dutta, President, in the Chair Shri P. D. Phadke, Vice-President Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member

Date	Place	Members present
		Shri S. Ramanathan, Member
		Shri B. D. Bose, Member
		Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member
		Shri V. R. Iyer, Member
		Shri B. R. Shah, Member
		Shri C. R. Sundararajan, Member
		Shri C. R. Ramaswamy, Member
		Shri S. Subbaramaiah, Member
		Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
20-7-91	Calcutta . . .	Shri Sankar Dutta, President
		Shri P. D. Phadke, Vice-President
		Shri J. K. Puri, Member
		Shri S. Ramanathan, Member
		Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member
		Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member
		Shri B. R. Shah, Member
		Prof. V. R. Iyer, Member
		Shri B. D. Bose, Member
		Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member
		Dr. G. B. Rao, Member
		Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member
		Prof. S. Subbaramaiah, Member
		Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member
		Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member
		Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
21-7-91	Calcutta . . .	Shri Sankar Dutta, President, in the Chair
		Shri P. D. Phadke, Vice-President (took over the Chair after election as President)
		Shri J. K. Puri, Member
		Shri S. Ramanathan, Member
		Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member
		Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member
		Shri V. R. Iyer, Member
		Shri B. R. Shah, Member
		Shri B. D. Bose, Member
		Dr. G. B. Rao, Member (Elected as Vice-President)
		Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member
		Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member
		Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member
		Prof. S. Subbaramaiah, Member
		Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
22-9-91	New Delhi . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair
		Dr. G. B. Rao, Vice-President
		Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member
		Shri S. Ramanathan, Member
		Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member
		Shri J. K. Puri, Member
		Shri B. R. Shah, Member

Date	Place	Members Present
		Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
7/8-12-91	Calcutta . . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair Dr. G. B. Rao, Vice-President Shri Sankar Dutta, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri B. D. Bose, Member Shri S. Ramanathan, Member Shri V. R. Iyer, Member Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member Shri B. R. Shah, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Prof. S. Subbaramaiah, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
19-1-92	Calcutta . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair Dr. G. B. Rao, Vice-President Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri B. D. Bose, Member Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri S. Ramanathan, Member Shri B. R. Shah, Member Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
23-3-92	Calcutta . . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair Dr. G. B. Rao, Vice-President Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri S. Ramanathan, Member Shri B. R. Shah, Member Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
7-5-92	New Delhi . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri S. Ramanathan, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Shri B. R. Shah, Member Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary,

Date	Place	Members Present
31-5-92	Calcutta . . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri S. Ramanathan, Member Shri B. R. Shah, Member Shri B. D. Bose, Member Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
21-7-92	Calcutta . . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President, in the Chair Dr. C. B. Rao, Vice-President Shri B. D. Bose, Member Shri S. Ganapathisubramanian, Member Shri V. R. Iyer, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri S. Ramanathan, Member Shri B. R. Shah, Member Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
22-7-92	Calcutta . . .	Shri P. D. Phadke, President Dr. G. B. Rao, Vice-President (Took over the Chair after election as president) Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri B. D. Bose, Member (Elected as Vice-President) Shri V. B. Behede, Member Shri Amal Kumar Das, Member Shri V. R. Iyer, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Dr. E. V. Mani, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri K. R. S. Sastry, Member Shri N. P. Sukumaran, Member Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Shri P. Vijayaraghavan, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
23-8-92	Madras . . .	Dr. G. B. Rao, President, in the Chair Shri P. D. Phadke, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri V. R. Iyer, Member Shri V. B. Behede, Member Shri K. R. S. Sastry, Member Shri N. P. Sukumaran, Member

Date	Place	Members Present
		Shri Amal Kumar Das, Member Dr. E. V. Mani, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Shri G. L. Swamy, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary
6-12-92	New Delhi	Dr. G. B. Rao, President, in the Chair Shri B. D. Bose, Vice-President Shri P. D. Phadke, Member Shri Harijiban Banerjee, Member Shri V. B. Behede, Member Shri Amal Kumar Das, Member Shri V. R. Iyer, Member Shri V. Kalyanaraman, Member Dr. E. V. Mani, Member Shri J. K. Puri, Member Shri N. P. Sukumaran, Member Shri K. R. S. Sastry, Member Smt. Sudha Pillai, Member Shri C. Ramaswamy, Member Smt. Usha Sahajpal, Member Shri G. L. Swami, Member Shri S. R. Acharyya, Secretary

Cases before criminal court

3253. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that even petty cases in criminal court takes years together for disposal ; if so, what plans Government have got to speed up the judicial machinery for speedy justice ;

(b) whether Government is aware that the investigating machinery of criminal cases has dwindled to a zero point; and

(c) if so, what are the plans of the Government to gridle up speedy investigation and speedy justice to the litigants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the delays in disposal of cases in courts as well as the need for toning up the investigative machinery. A Conference of Chief Ministers was specifically convened in November, 1992 to take stock of the problems in administration of Criminal Justice. The Chief Ministers acknowledged and emphasized the importance of inducting new scientific techniques and modern methods of investigation.

Vacancy of High Court Judges

3254. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of High Court Judges which are lying vacant, Statewise;

(b) how many are 6 months old, 1 year old and 6 years old;

(c) what action Government have taken to fill these posts to avoid pendency of cases; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps which have not complied with the norms of appointment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies is on.